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SUBJ: MOYO FUNERAL: TIME FOR COMMITMENT TO ARMED STRUGGLE

SUMMARY: THEME OF JAN 29 STATE FUNERAL OF ANC SECOND VICE PRESIDENT, JASON MOYO, WAS DEDICATION TO THE ARMED STRUGGLE. MUGABE IN UNEMOTIONAL SPEECH PAID HOMAGE TO MOYO AS THE INTERMEDIARY IN BRINGING ABOUT THE MUGABE/NKOMO PATRIOTIC FRONT. HE STATED THE ONLY ROAD LEFT FOR BRINGING ABOUT THE LIBERATION OF RHODESIA WAS THE ARMED STRUGGLE AND MADE NO MENTION OF THE ROLE OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. KAUNDA'S REMARKS WERE AIMED AT THE "RACIST, COLONIALIST, IMPERIALISTS, CAPITALISTS" WHO STILL KEEP AFRICANS IN BONDAGE. NKOMO MADE AN IMPASSIONED PLEA FOR AID TO THE
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LIBERATION STRUGGLE FROM THE OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE, ALL AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND FROM THE PROGRESSIVE, SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. HE PAID HOMAGE TO THE NEED FOR UNITY AS SYMBOLIZED BY THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND HEAPED PRAISE ON KAUNDA AS A FIRM FRIEND COMMITTED TO THE STRUGGLE FOR LIBERATION. WE WERE STRUCK BY MUGABE'S FAILURE TO MENTION UNITY, AND OR, THE CONTINUATION OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT IN CONTRAST WITH NKOMO'S APPROACH. END SUMMARY

1. STATE FUNERAL ORGANIZED FOR MOYO WAS ATTENDED BY AT LEAST ONE THOUSAND, MAKING IT A BIGGER OCCASION THAN THE INTERNMENT OF CHITEPO. CHURCH SERVICES AND FUNERAL ITSELF WERE RELATIVELY RESTRAINED, LACKING THE RAW EMOTION ONE FREQUENTLY SEES ON THESE OCCASIONS. CLOUD BURST WHICH HIT AMIDST FUNERAL ORATIONS AT GRAVESIDE MAY HAVE DAMPENED SOME POTENTIAL FIERY ORATORY.

2. MUGABE READ FROM A PREPARED TEXT IN A VOICE COMPLETELY LACKING IN EMOTION. HE PAID TRIBUTE TO MOYO AS A GREAT FIGURE IN THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE, AND SPOKE AT SOME LENGTH ABOUT HIS RESPECT FOR MOYO AS A MAN WHOSE WORD COULD BE TRUSTED. MUGABE STRESSED THAT HIS QUALITY OF HONESTY MADE MOYO AN EFFECTIVE INTERMEDIARY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH LED TO THE CREATION OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. HE MADE NO MENTION OF THE NEED FOR NATIONALIST UNITY OR OF THE NEED TO CONTINUE WITH THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. HE ENDED HIS ORATION WITH THE NOTE THAT MOYO'S DEATH SYMBOLIZED WHAT EVERYONE KNEW ALL ALONG -- THE ONLY WAY TO LIBERATE RHODESIA WAS THROUGH THE FORCE OF ARMS. AT ONE POINT HE SAID ARMED FORCE WOULD BRING ABOUT UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER, AND, AT ANOTHER, HE SAID THE ARMED STRUGGLE WAS THE ONLY WAY TO FORCE THE "RACISTS" INTO MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS.

3. KAUNDA SAW MOYO'S UNTIMELY DEATH AS ONE MORE SYMBOL OF THE MISTREATMENT AFRICA AND AFRICANS HAVE RECEIVED FROM "RACISTS" OVER THE YEARS. THESE RACISTS BACKED BY THE FORCES OF CAPITALISM, COLONIALISM, IMPERIALISM AND NEO-COLONIALISM STILL HOLD SWAY IN RHODESIA. HOWEVER, AFRICA UNITED IN MAKING THE REVOLUTIONARY SPIRIT OF MOYO REIGN SUPREME WILL END THE DAYS OF OPPRESSION
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IN RHODESIA.

4. NKOMO'S ORATION WAS THE MOST EMOTIONAL OF ALL. HE LAVISHED PRAISE ON KAUNDA FOR ORDERING THE ORGANIZATION OF THE STATE FUNERAL AND FOR HIS UNSTINTING SUPPORT OF THE LIBERATION OF ZIMBABWE. BREAKING INTO TEARS NKOMO ASKED IF THE OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE WOULD LET MOYO'S DEATH COME AND GO WITH THE ONLY RESULT BEING MORE LIP SERVICE TO THE LIBERATION OF ZIMBABWE, OR WAS THE OAU READY TO COME FORWARD WITH THE MEANS TO MAKE ZIMBABWE FREE. HE ALSO PLEADED IN A BREAKING VOICE FOR MORE SUPPORT FROM THE PROGRESSIVE, SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WITH WHOM MOYO HAD WORKED SO SUCCESSFULLY. THERE WAS NO MENTION OF ASSISTANCE FROM THE WEST. NKOMO ALSO PLEADED FOR NATIONALIST UNITY, A CAUSE FOR WHICH MOYO DIED, AND PLEDGED HIS DEVOTION TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT.

COMMENT: KAUNDA'S DENUNCIATION OF ALL THE "ISMS" EXCEPT SOCIALISM AND HUMANISM WAS STANDARD FARE FOR THIS TYPE OF OCCASION. MUGABE'S EMPHASIS ON THE ROLE OF MOYO IN BRINGING ABOUT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT AND HIS FAILURE TO MENTION THE NAME OF NKOMO

OR TO PRAISE NATIONALIST UNITY INDICATE A LUKEWARM APPROACH
TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT. NKOMO ON THE OTHER HAND SEEMED MUCH
MORE CONCERNED ABOUT UNITY AND THE NEED FOR INSURING THAT THE
FRONT WILL BE BACKED BY ALL AS THE MEANS FOR ACHIEVING ZIMBABWEAN
INDEPENDENCE. HIS EMOTIONAL APPEAL TO THE PROGRESSIVE, SOCIALIST
COUNTRIES FOR SUPPORT TAKEN WITH HIS REJECTION OF TALKS WITH
RICHARD SHOULD BE READ AS AN INDICATION OF HIS GROWING MILITANCY.
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